

# 'The Torrance Welcome Wagon Has Changed My Life,' Says Newcomer, Mrs. J. E. Howard



SHAKING HANDS goodbye after her visit by the Welcome Wagon, Mrs. J. E. Howard, left, poses as she did the day hostess Dorothy Stoeckle made the first call.

## Loneliness Fears Vanished With Friendly Greeting

For Mrs. J. E. Howard, her forced retirement from her job and the simultaneous move to a strange city was nothing to look forward to.

The role of a full time homemaker in Torrance where she didn't know a soul seemed a life sentence to boredom.

How was she to fill those long hours while her husband was off at his job at North American Aviation and her daughter, Debra Ann attending school?

But a month after the Howards were settled in their home at 18908 Cordary Ave., life suddenly took on new interest for Mrs. Howard.

It came right after the Welcome Wagon paid her a visit. "They came to the house bringing cards and information on the city," says Mrs. Howard. "The hostess invited me to the monthly luncheon for newcomers and were so friendly they made me feel right at home."

### Volunteers

Impressed by a speech given by Mrs. McAllister from Harbor General at the first luncheon she attended, Mrs. Howard instantly volunteered four hours hospital service a week.

Mrs. Howard was elected welfare chairman by the Welcome Wagon when her hospital work brought her in contact with local families badly in need of help.

"I don't compete in bringing home a pay check nowadays," says Mrs. Howard. "In fact I burn up lots of rubber and gas picking up and delivering goods."

Her husband doesn't mind though, she says he agrees that too many things are just thrown away.

"This was the nicest Christmas I have ever had in my life," she says. I spent Christmas Eve delivering baskets and gifts to families and children. The children were so happy to receive the presents, it made it feel like Christmas really should."

### Want to Help

"Best of all," states Mrs. Howard, "I've begun to believe in people. Years of contact with the public through waitress work made me doubt that most people had much heart, now I know differently. Most people want to help," she adds.

Though not everyone has had such an experience as Mrs. Howard, the Welcome Wagon tries its best to breach the gap of loneliness a stranger often confronts.

Mrs. Howard is pulling hard for the group's membership drive planned for February. Dues of \$2 a year entitle any newcomer to join and make friends. "It's a stepping stone to all the clubs in the area," she says "not only welfare but social and special interest."

The club formed just a year ago by Dorothy Stoeckle, is patterned after similar clubs in other cities. Its success in making Torrance a friendly place is

## Teen Age Miss Contest to Be Sponsored Here

A Teen Age Miss of the Year Contest will be sponsored by the Torrance Woman's Club. The contest is being held throughout the California Federation of Women's Clubs for high school junior and senior girls.

To be eligible the girls must maintain scholastic grades of "B" or above; participate in extra-curricular activities and be interested in church and civic affairs.

The local winner will receive an award and will be eligible for Marina District competition; the district winner will enter State competition.

The Youth Chairman of the Junior Club Mrs. Joseph J. Boylan will handle the contest. Mrs. Donald R. De Cuir will assist her in handling applications. An impartial panel of judges will select the winning Miss.

Anyone interested in entering the contest or knowing an eligible girl for the competition may call Mrs. Boylan at DA 6-5753 or Mrs. De Cuir at DA 6-4807.

## Mrs. Fisher Installed as President

Mrs. Edna Fisher was installed as president of the St. Margaret Mary Altar Society, Jan. 7.

Serving with her will be: Mmes. Ruth Barney, vice president; Josephine D'Ambrosi, secretary; Betty Myers, financial secretary; Flo Pizzo, treasurer and Theresa Griffith, chairman.

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## Arts and Crafts Club Election of Officers Held

The January meeting of the Arts and Crafts Club was held at the home of Hazel Ward with Fran Snodgrass as co-hostess.

Election of officers for 1959 resulted with Leah Arterburn as president, Florence Childs, vice president; Helen Carpenter, secretary and Zelma Miller, treasurer.

At the business meeting members were informed of the helpings hand given to three unfortunate families during the holidays by Welfare Chairman Addie Parks and Ruth Hardin. It was voted to continue helping the families.

Members present were: Leah Arterburn, Maybel Banks, Melvina Beckwith, Rolive Bever, Cora Bohrer, Helen Carpenter, Florence Childs, Vivian Cook, Leila Everly, Hazel Fossum, Vena Hamilton, Mae Jones, Mary McDonald, Emily Middleton, Zelma Miller, Addie Parks, Ethyl

## Jr. Women Visit Van Gogh Show

Seven members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club traveled to the Los Angeles County Museum to see the Vincent Van Gogh Exhibit of paintings and drawings on Jan. 16.

Driving for one group was Mrs. Joseph J. Boylan. Mmes. Barton A. Tatum, Joseph H. Merrill, C. L. Briner and Mrs. Boylan's guest, Mrs. Robert Miller, were her passengers.

Another group driven by Mrs. Anthony R. Felando included Michael Felando, 2 1/2, Mrs. Richard Gazeley, Mrs. Don Carlson, Craig Carlson, 2, and their guest Mrs. Robert La Flamme.

Mrs. Gerson Jacobson is the new Penny Art Chairman for the local club.

Beverly, Frances Beverly and Hazel Ward and Fran Snodgrass.

The next meeting will be a dinner and Installation Party at the Palms with Leila Beverly, Ruth Kilgore, Emily Middleton and Zelma Miller in charge of decorations.

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STUDENT HAIRSTYLIST WINNERS pose with their models and trophy awards at the quarterly contest of Flavio's College of Beauty, 1628 Cravens Ave. An open house was held with well-known operators and hairstylists in attendance. From left, back row: Gerald Simmons, Regina Stellabotte and Georgianna Thorne. Their models, seated in front from left, are Genie Penland, Karen Hester and Gloria Edwards.

# WOMEN'S FEATURES ACTIVITIES CLUBS SECTION

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## Long Beach Art Director to Judge Local "Human Equation" Art Show

Jerome Allan Danson, director of the Long Beach Museum of Art, will be the Juror of the Brotherhood Art Exhibit "The Human Equation" which is being sponsored by Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach.

The exhibit will be open to the public and will be shown at the Temple, 112 North Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, beginning Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

A reception honoring Danson, will be held at that time.

Danson attended the University of Southern California. He also studied at the American Graduate School in Denmark, where he published several manuscripts on Scandinavian Art. His broad experience in this country includes study at

the Ross School, at the University of California, Berkeley, and advanced studies at the Museum of Modern Art and Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Danson formerly served as the Director of the Florence Museum, Florence, South Carolina.

His sculpture won "First Prize" at the Fifth Annual Exhibition of the South Carolina Artists, and the "Honorary Award" of the American Artists Professional League, in 1954.

Director at Long Beach since November of 1956, Danson served as a Ski Trooper in the Second World War, is married and the father of three children.



JEROME ALLAN DONSON

## League to Hear Second of State Constitution Talks

The League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Estates announces the second series of meetings on the California Constitution and its revision.

The first series dealt with the Legislature, and making changes for the "Twentieth Century."

The second series concerns the Executive. Questions on constitutional limitations, provisions hampering leadership and how the constitution forms a basis will be asked.

The meetings will take place at the following times and places. On Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. 600 Yarmouth Rd., Palos Verdes; Jan. 27 at 10 a.m., 4028 Via Opata, Palos Verdes; Jan. 27 at 8 p.m., 121 Alameda, Hollywood Riviera; Jan. 28, at 10 p.m., 2394 Via Pinale, Palos Verdes and Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. 4463 Silver Saddle, Rolling Hills

## Doctors' Annual Installation Slated for "Push Horse" Dinner-Dance

Joint installation dinner of the Medical Staff of the Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Association will be held Jan. 24 at the Plush Horse.

Some 200 physicians of the South Bay area and guests are expected to attend. Dinner will start at 7 p.m., dancing will follow.

Incoming officers of the Torrance Memorial Hospital for 1959 are: Dr. Phillip M. Halloran of Torrance, chief of staff; Dr. John F. Grube, assistant chief of staff; Dr. George O. Peeke of Torrance, reelected secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario of Torrance, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing hospital officers are

Dr. Rodney A. Stetson, chief of staff; Dr. Phillip M. Halloran, assistant chief of staff; and Dr. John F. Nursall, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Southwest Branch officers for the coming year are Dr. Arthur J. Olson of Redondo Beach, reelected president; Dr. William C. Casey of Torrance, vice president; and Dr. Howard E. Fishel, secretary-treasurer, 1958 outgoing officers are: Dr. Joseph Nebolon, vice president; and Dr. John W. Boeman, secretary-treasurer.

Master of ceremonies will be Dr. Richard C. Schaeffer of Redondo Beach. Dr. Gerald M. Eastham of Torrance will act as installing officer.

## Riviera Garden Club Hears Stan Spaulding

The January meeting of the Riviera Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Harlan Glenn, 5002 Paseo del Pavon with Mrs. Merrill Bickmore as co-hostess.

Stan Spaulding, an authority on succulents and rock gardens, presented the evening's program.

Mrs. Berton McComb was elected Vice-President to complete the unexpired term of resigning Mrs. Robert Bogardus.

On Jan. 8, Mrs. Merrill Pea, president, attended a meeting of presidents of District 2 garden clubs. Plans were finalized for the District to host the State Board in Long Beach on Feb. 12 and 13 at the Wilton Hotel.

Mrs. Robert Kimes, Junior Gardening-Youth Chairman, will direct the girl scouts in making table favors for the Southern Hospitality luncheon on Feb. 13 in the Wilton Skyroom.

## Dinner-Dance Is Announced by Moose Lodge 785

Torrance Moose Lodge 785 and Chapter 44, Women of the Moose will sponsor a dinner dance at the lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St. on Jan. 24, according to George Clay, ways and means chairman, and Mike Cicero, dance chairman.

Chicken dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. An orchestra will provide music for dancing at 9 p.m.

The dinner-dance is open to the public. Tickets are \$1.25 adults and 75c for children.

### Littlefield Guest Speaker

Joe Littlefield was guest speaker at the Jan. 16 meeting of the Fuchsia Society at the American Legion Hall in Lomita.

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